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JUNE 12, 1978: ZIARE AND POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH TURKEY

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1. MFA EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF JORGEN BOJER TODAY ELABORATED TO
POLCOUNS A BIT MORE ON EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSIONS ON ZAIRE
AND INCREASED POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH TURKEY.

2. ON ZAIRE, BOJER POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE IRISH AND THE DANES
HAD SPECIFICALLY RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS ON ZAIRE AND MAINTAINED
THAT THE EFFORT BY A NUMBER OF WESTERN STATES TO BOLSTER MOBUTO
AND ZAIRE IN THE WAKE OF EVENTS IN SHABA PROVINCE WAS NOT AN EC
CONCERN, THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT MADE TO DEVELOP A "CONSENSUS" AT
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THE JUNE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. THERE WERE, HOWEVER,
DIFFERENT VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THE TIMING AND THE WEIGHT OF THE
PRESSURE THAT WESTERN POWERS SHOULD BRING TO BEAR ON MOBUTO TO
MAKE THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS. MOST OF THE
THE FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT CAME DOWN ON THE SIDE OF NOT PUSHING
MOBUTO TOO MUCH NOW BECAUSE OF HIS ACUTE SENSITIVITY TO SUCH
PRESSURES AND THE FRAGILITY OF HIS CONTROL OVER HIS VAST COUNTRY.

3. THE CALL MADE IN PARA 8, REF A FOR A WESTERN "ALL-FOR-ONE-AND-ONE-FOR-ALL" REFERRED TO WESTERN SUPPORT FOR THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE UNDER DISCUSSION TO PROP UP MOBUTO NOW ON A CRASH BASIS. SINCE THE DANES AND IRISH WILL NOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH SUCH AN EMERGENCY EFFORT, THERE WILL BE NO "EC IDENTITY" ATTACHED TO WHATEVER STEPS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY MIGHT UNDERTAKE.

4. TURKEY. BOJER REPEATED DANISH SATISFACTION WITH THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON HOW TO BRING GREECE AND, PARTICULARLY TURKEY, INTO THE EC POLITICAL COOPERATION PROCESS. GREECE, BOJER SAID, SEEMS TO BE PRETTY WELL NAILED DOWN, AND THE PRINCIPLE VEHICLE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKEY (THE "THREE-PRESIDENCY FORMULA") IS CLEAR.

5. WHAT MINISTERS WILL HAVE TO DECIDE LATER IS WHEN THE PROCESS WITH TURKEY SHOULD BEGIN; HOW FAST IT SHOULD PROCEED; WHETHER CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKEY SHOULD OCCUR BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER MEETINGS AMONG THE NINE ON POLITICAL COOPERATION; AND THE RANGE OF THIS CONSULTATION; THAT IS, WHETHER IT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS OR SHOULD ALSO EXTEND TO MINISTERIALS.
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